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MEGAPHONE

ONLINE NEWSLETTER ABOUT MACALESTER ATHLETICS

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Athletic Center is taking shape, inside and out



Rendering of the indoor track



Photo of the track now

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Athletic Director Travis Feezell announces plans to leave Macalester



Travis Feezell, Macalester's athletic director the past three years, is leaving the college at the end of the academic year to pursue a

teaching career at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C. He was instrumental in the planning of the new Macalester Athletic and Recreation Center (MARC), scheduled to open in August. He also played a major role in the revival of the women's basketball and men's football programs at Macalester. In all, he presided over 20 men's and women's varsity

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M Club Winter / Spring Events

Be a part of it all — join us for the M Club Invationals! M Clubbers, alums and friends are encouraged to wear blue and/or orange and to be alert for sightings of Mac the Scot.



Saturday, April 19

1–4 p.m.

5th Annual Mac Alumni/Varsity Tennis Event

Sunday, May 4

6 p.m.

Macalester Athletics Sports Banquet

Friday, June 6

19th Annual Mac Hac Golf Tournament

Oak Marsh Golf Club in Oakdale

11:30 a.m. Registration

1 p.m. Shotgun

Mac Hac Set for June 6

The 19th annual Mac Hac Golf Tournament is set for Friday, June 6, and for the second year in a row will be played at [Oak Marsh Golf Club](#) in Oakdale. Check the [M Club Web site](#) in the near future for more detailed information on this event. Last year's tournament was 25 percent bigger than two years ago and featured 104 players. The scramble tournament was followed by a dinner, silent auction, and raffle at the Oak Marsh banquet facility.

Alumni Tennis Event Set for April 19

The fifth annual Mac alumni tennis event is set for Saturday, April 19, at the Macalester College outdoor courts at 1 p.m., right after

teams as well as club sports and the intramural program. Feezell, who has an Ed.D. in education from the University of Idaho, will be an associate professor in sports management at Belmont Abbey.

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Macalester Launches New Athletics Web Site

Macalester and Internet Consulting Services (ICS) have teamed up to develop a new athletic department Web site through the ICS's content management-based Internet program. The new-look site went online Jan. 30.

The new department Web site has a sharper look, is easier to navigate, and contains new features including a search engine, RSS feedback, online monthly calendars, and the capability to sign up for text messages of Macalester scores.

[Check out the new site»](#)

Get Mac Scores Text-Messaged to You

Eager to find out Scot scores? [Sign up](#) for Macalester's new text-messaging feature

Tony Jennison Named Macalester Head Football Coach

Tony Jennison has been named the Macalester College head football coach, the college announced Feb. 1. Defensive coordinator for the Scots the last two seasons, Jennison is the 28th head coach in the 122-year history of the Macalester football program. The 35-year-old Jennison replaces Glenn Caruso, who left after two years in charge of the program to become the head football coach at nearby University of St. Thomas. [Read more»](#)

Tom Conboy Finishes

the Macalester vs. St. Benedict women's match.

The four previous alumni events were big successes, and this is expected to once again be a popular event. For further information, e-mail Mike Vidmar '89 at mikeandsj@msn.com.

Double play will be combined into the following:

Varsity vs. Alumni (men's/women's/mixed)

Alumni vs. Alumni (men's/women's/mixed)

Alumni/Varsity vs. Alumni/Varsity (men's/women's)



SAAC Leads Community Service Events for Think Pink Day and Hoops for Hunger Night

Macalester's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and the Macalester Kilt Krew sponsored "Think Pink" day at the Mac vs. St. Olaf basketball doubleheader Feb. 9 and raised about \$750 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer. The first 200 attendees were given Think Pink t-shirts and fans were asked for donations. [Read more»](#)

On Feb. 23, SAAC sponsored Hoops for Hunger Night and took in donations of about 100 pounds of food and \$150 for the Second Harvest Food Shelf. Those making donations were entered into a halftime drawing for two \$50 Target gift cards. [Read more»](#)

President's Message

Greetings M Clubbers!

I want to praise our winter athletes and their coaches for what they endured in sacrificing a home field advantage. I attended many contests, and



Conboy (left) receives congratulations from Ben Van Thorre '04 in a short ceremony honoring Conboy's breaking of Van Thorre's all-time scoring mark.

Basketball Career as All-Time Scoring and Rebounding Leader

Senior forward Tom Conboy from the men's basketball team led the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) in scoring and rebounding this past winter and finished his outstanding career as the school's all-time leading point scorer (1,909) and all-time

rebounding leader (836). He took over the all-time records from Ben Van Thorre '04.

Conboy, a four-year starter and three-time All-MIAC selection, scored in double figures in 97 of 100 career games, and is just the 12th player in the history of MIAC men's basketball to score 1,900 points. He was named CollegeSportingNews.com MIAC player of the year and is among the national leaders in points per game (23.2) and rebounds per game (10.8).

Twenty-Eight Earn Fall Sport Academic All-MIAC Honors

Twenty-eight Macalester College fall sport athletes have received Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) Academic All-Conference honors, as announced by the conference Jan. 25.

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Nathan Young is MIAC Backstroke Champion

Nathan Young '11 became the first Macalester MIAC individual champion in men's swimming and diving

the commitment, effort, and attitude necessary for success were there at every competition. Practices were held off campus as well, which meant adding travel time to practice schedules. They truly deserve special recognition for overcoming such obstacles. In addition, praise should also be directed to the student leaders of the Kilt Krew, who worked with the M Club directors to bring a bold Mac presence to selected competitions throughout the winter schedule.

Next year the MARC project will be completed and these athletes come home ... home for practices and for the home field advantage in a state-of-the-art facility we of M Club proudly helped make a reality as part of our legacy to the college. [View a 3-D tour of the MARC.](#)

With this in mind, I again invite you to participate as a major contributor to this project. Your gift will help ensure that those interested in health and wellness will find it in the MARC for decades to come. It is essential for us as former Macalester athletes to rally around this project with an impressive show of support. To participate, visit [Macalester's online giving form](#). Write "MARC gift" in the comments box.

Remember that your Annual Fund gift will now include what was your giving to the M Club. The deadline is May 31, and it is very important that we as a college organization participate. The Annual Fund goal is support from 43% of alumni. We can and should help meet that challenge.

With that in mind ...

LET'S GO MAC!

Steve Cox

M Club President



in over two decades when he won the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard backstroke at the conference championships Feb. 15–16. Young goes on to the NCAA Division III championships. [_](#)

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Baseball/Softball Field Updates

Last summer, the college began constructing new baseball and softball complexes because the location of the new MARC has taken away softball's Shaw Field. Both teams will play just west of the stadium game field. Baseball will be in the same location, but now with the batters facing east. The new softball facility will be just south of the baseball field, bordering St. Clair Ave.

Macalester's teams, however, won't be able to move into the new facility until the '09 season. Therefore, the softball Scots will play their home games at Dunning Field near St. Paul Central High School, and the baseball Scots will play their home games at Midway Stadium, just south of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

The Megaphone is an e-newsletter sent three times a year to former student athletes of Macalester College.
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